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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the mint,

Washington, D. C., October 8th., 1888.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa

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